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❖ SHELTER

Split on homeless strategy

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – The City of Eureka and the County of Humboldt are jointly considering a new homelessness reduction plan, but the city's strategies veer away from the plan's recommendations. The vexing issue of addressing homelessness was explored in a first-time-ever joint meeting of the Eureka City Council and the county's Board of Supervisors on Jan. 26. Held in the packed board chambers, the meeting showcased a final report from

Focus Strategies, a Sacramento-based firm that exclusively works on plans to help communities reduce homelessness.

The firm's main recommendation is to direct effort and resources at a "housing first" approach that immediately places people in rental units or supportive housing, followed by case management services.

Megan Kurteff Schatz, the firm's principal, said the housing first approach is based on "the whole system being oriented to offering housing," a significant change.

It's an approach that diverges from the push for emergency shelter that led to the Eureka Council's approval of a shelter crisis declaration the week before. County Supervisor Ryan Sundberg noted that the county has rejected calls to approve a crisis declaration and that it is an action that is not recommended in the new plan.

Schatz said focusing on emergency shelters or tent villages saps energy from what really needs to be done.

"If your objective as a community is to reduce homelessness, then spending a lot of time and resources

HOMELESS ❖ A4

Laid-off mill workers get aid

Paul Mann

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HUMBOLDT – Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace expects the county to chip in quickly with job replacement services for the 123 employees who will be laid off in March and April in the phased closing of the Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) sawmill in Manila.

Lovelace cited the Rapid Response program administered by the county's Employment Training Division and the Workforce Development Board.

Closure may jack up Manila water rates. A4

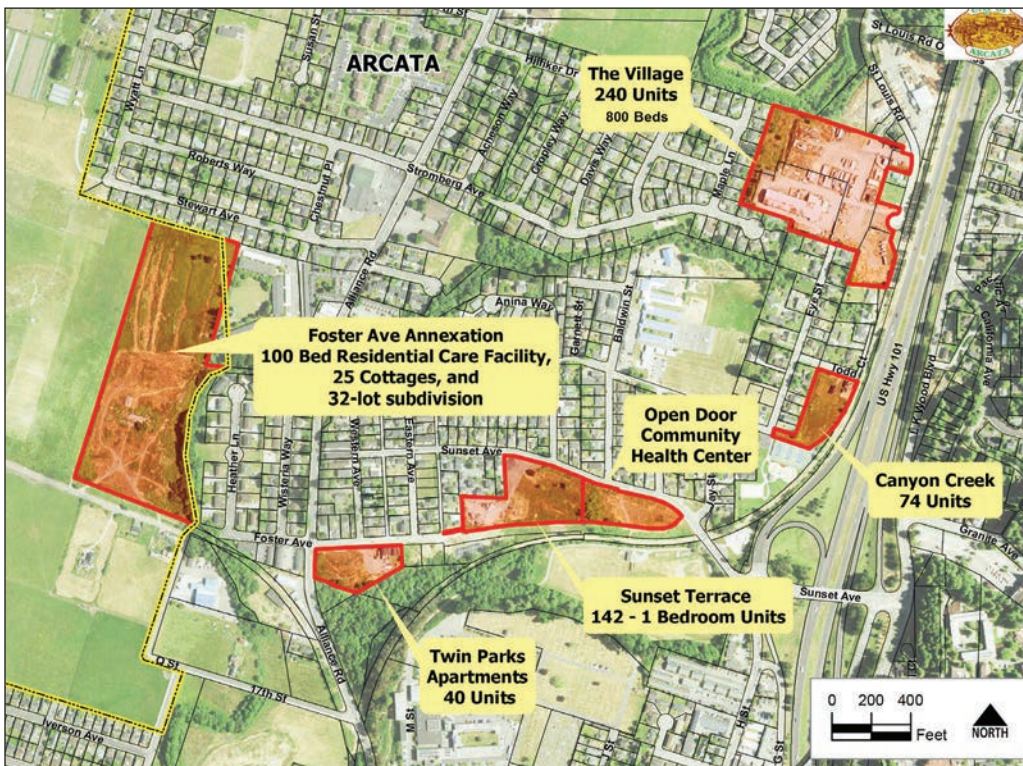
oment Board.

"Over the years [the board] has helped hundreds of workers from Palco and California Redwood to find rewarding new careers in other industries," Lovelace said. Workers "don't want change thrust upon them in this way," he agreed, MILL ❖ A4



MANILA MILL The Sierra Pacific Industries mill in Manila will soon close its doors. PHOTO FROM SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

City, Humboldt State plan for flood of new homes, residents



HOMES ARE CROPPING UP ALL OVER Multiple infill projects will add hundreds of new residences for Humboldt State students and townies alike. CITY OF ARCATA GRAPHIC

Housing projects need new infrastructure

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – With a half-dozen new housing and other projects in various stages of development, the City of Arcata is looking at them collectively in order to better regulate their creation and prepare for their impacts.

Last week, the Arcata City Council held a study session with Humboldt State planners to get a comprehensive overview of

projects in play. Most are located in walking proximity to the university, from close-by student housing to a project requiring annexation of part of the Arcata Bottom.

The projects will place fresh stress on the city's infrastructure, from sewage to transportation, placing new urgency on planned upgrades to the wastewater treatment system while requiring updates

HOUSING ❖ A3

❖ TRINIDAD

Wrangling vacation rental regs

Patrick Evans

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TRINIDAD – Planners in the seaside village of Trinidad will continue to wrestle with how to regulate vacation rentals when they meet Thursday, Feb. 4. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad.

The meeting is a continuation of a discussion that took place Jan. 20. During that meeting, Trinidad Town Hall was filled with the worried looks and drawn brows of an anxious public as the Trinidad Planning Commission reviewed sample language to create a cap on the number of vacation dwelling units (VDUs) allowed in Trinidad's residential zones.

Trinidad's VDU ordinance was created over a five year process of planning and eventually approved by the California Coastal Commission in March 2015. Then, just three months later in June 2015, the Trinidad City Council issued a moratorium on applications for VDU permits, calling them a "current and immediate threat to public welfare."

The moratorium is set to expire in July this year. If the city council extends the moratorium it will have until July 2017 to craft an amendment to the VDU ordinance

TRINIDAD ❖ A4

Humboldt sets the pace for cannabis rules

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has approved the first county ordinance in the state to advance local regulations for commercial production of medical marijuana.

The county's labor-intensive ordinance was approved by supervisors at their Jan. 26 meeting and governs cultivation, man-

ufacturing and processing of medical marijuana.

The ordinance takes effect 30 days from approval, putting it in effect within a now-voided March 1 deadline named in state law.

State legislators voted to remove the deadline on Jan. 28 but many municipalities in the state – including cities in Humboldt County – chose to ban commercial

production rather than do what the county did.

Working under pressure, supervisors, planning commissioners and staff produced a complex ordinance that aims to control a pervasive but unruly industry.

Interim Planning Director Rob Wall said the ordinance can be amended as issues arise and his department is working on funding for a follow-up phase of regulation

that will be done under a full environmental impact report.

Supervisors' final action also included approval of the basic environmental review that accompanies the ordinance. Predicting and negating impacts are challenging aspects of the ordinance's development and Supervisor Estelle Fennell emphasized that regulations will evolve as commercial

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| Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. | Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata | Futsal court, city manager review <i>cityofarcata.org</i> |
| Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday | Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. | Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall | <i>bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas</i> |
| Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday | Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. | Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room | <i>humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice</i> s |
| Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday | Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. | Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka | <i>hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule</i> |
| Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday | Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. | Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka | <i>humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</i> |
| Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday | Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. | Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila | <i>manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</i> |
| McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. | Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville | Naming of teen center, park plans <i>mckinleyvillecsd.com</i> |
| McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. | Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville | <i>humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</i> |
| Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. | Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad | <i>trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html</i> |

No change for McKMAC chair

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – Ben Shepherd will continue to serve as the chair of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), a position he has held since the committee was created in 2012.

At its meeting Jan. 27, the McKMAC voted 5-1, with committee member Craig Tucker dissenting, to re-appoint Shepherd as chair and Helen Edwards as vice chair for 2016.

A major factor in the committee's decision is his familiarity with the Brown Act, the state's open meeting law. Shepherd has a long history of serving on boards and commissions, including 20 years on the McKinleyville Community Services District from 1979 to 1999. He is currently a member of the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

McKMAC member Greg Orsini argued that the nature of the position of the chair requires extensive knowledge of the Brown Act to keep the committee from violating state law and tarnishing its image.

Unlike other county boards and commissions, the McKMAC has no staff support. The chair of the volunteer committee writes up the agendas and runs the meetings. The committee has to be careful that it doesn't stray from the agenda or make recommendations on topics that are not listed on the agenda to avoid a Brown Act violation.

"We have to depend on someone schooled enough in the Brown Act to keep us out of trouble," Orsini said.

But committee member Tucker said that he would prefer that the McKMAC be chaired by someone who is more of a centrist and who is not as invested in the topics the committee discusses. Tucker noted that both he and Shepherd typically have strong opinions and engage in spirited debates during discussions. As the chair moderates these discussion, someone more centrist should serve in that position, Tucker argued.

Committeemember Barbara Georgianna said that she would like other board members to have an opportunity to serve as chair, which would be a learning experience for them.

But Orsini said that this could be problematic. "If you learn by making mistakes, it could be detrimental to the organization," Orsini said, referring to Brown Act violations.

After reappointing Shepherd and Edwards, the McKMAC voted unanimously to select Tucker as the committee's secretary, who is responsible for keeping the meeting minutes. Tucker replaces Georgianna, who said she did not want to serve as secretary anymore. The board's main agenda item for the evening was a Brown Act training, but the county counsel who was supposed to conduct the training forgot to show up. The training will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

The McKMAC can be contacted at mckinlevillamac@gmail.com.
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Ben Shepherd



BIENVENIDA Eleven high school students and five teachers from Prepa 7 in Oaxaca, Mexico, are staying with McKinleyville and Arcata families for two weeks. Students will go to McKinleyville High, McKinleyville Middle and Arcata High schools during their time here. They will also take trips to the redwoods and get to know the community. This photo was taken during a welcome potluck at McKinleyville Middle School.

PHOTO BY NORA WYNN

Housing | A student-rich future

❖ FROM A1

of bus routes and trail plans. They also change the character of their neighborhoods in a big way – and neighbors were on hand to let the council know their concerns.

According to a staff report, the planned housing developments fall into three general categories based on their complexity:

Annexation

- The latest version of Danco Group's Creek Side Homes development is located on county land on the Arcata Bottom, west of Foster Avenue and north of Foster Avenue. It includes a 100-bed residential care facility, a 32-parcel low-density residential subdivision plus 25 cottages.

The project is still in the planning stages, with no application yet submitted. Previous versions of the Creek Side development have been rejected by the city.

General Plan/zoning amendments

- Strombeck Properties' Canyon Creek project is located near Humboldt State between U.S. Highway 101 and Eye Street north of Larson Park. It would offer 78 residential units and require a General Plan amendment and zoning amendments.

- Los Angeles-based AMCAL Equities' The Village is a mammoth, 240-unit, 800-bed student housing complex proposed for the current 8.5 acre Craftsman's Mall site off St. Louis Road.

With four 50-foot-tall four-story buildings modeled after campus residence halls, the project would include parking, a fitness center, movie theater, Internet café and other student-oriented amenities. It seeks to occupy property now zoned Industrial Limited, which would have to be rezoned to Residential High Density.

The proposal was first aired at the Nov. 4, 2015 Arcata City Council meeting. At that time, it was agreed that given the project's large scale, it deserved a broader examination, which led in part to last week's meeting.

Existing entitlements

Three projects are principally permitted in their chosen sites, though they could require Planned Development Permits and Design Review sign-off.

- Open Door Community Health Center, with a new, non-residential facility located south of Sunset Avenue.

- Kramer Properties' Sunset Terrace, a complex of 142 one-bedroom units. It has been approved by the Design Review Commission and is headed for the Planning Commission.

- Strombeck Properties' 40-unit Twin Parks Apartments, located at the corner of Alliance Road and Foster Avenue near Shay Park.

Just for starters, the installation of so many residents with vehicles and other transportation needs across mid-Arcata is going to require a comprehensive traffic

study. Costs might be offset by reimbursement from the new projects' developers.

Expert testimony

On hand to detail Humboldt State's current thinking on the housing issue were Joyce Lopes, vice president of administrative affairs, and Peg Blake, vice president of student affairs.

Lopes said that a couple of factors have opened the CSU system to off-campus housing collaborations – the changing student demographic and stagnant budgets.

Today's underclassmen are mostly not men – they're 60 percent female. And with minority recruitment efforts having borne fruit, 39 percent are from low-income families, and 57 percent the first person in their family to attend college.

These students may need more support in order to be successful, making student-tailored housing desirable. But with HSU's budgets still below 2007/8 levels, "public-private partnerships" are now in official favor as helping bring about the needed housing.

"Our business is higher education, not housing," Lopes said. "Developers can offer more."

David Loya, deputy director of community development, offered an overview of Arcata's ever-shapeshifting housing market.

Home ownership rates for residents have declined over the past 15 years to just 33 percent. About 2,000 students live on the HSU campus, while 4,000 live in town. The combined total represents a whopping one-quarter of Arcata's population.

Loya noted that Arcata's development opportunities are confined to areas in and around its borders, so housing its future population has to occur via infill projects.

"There are limited sites left," Loya said. "These are really the last hurrah."

Mark Andre, deputy director of environmental services, said an expanding Arcata population will require more wastewater treatment capacity. The existing plant is at capacity and not performing consistently.

Two big problems are "nutrient loading" – the presence of organic matter in the water that must be filtered out before discharge into Humboldt Bay – and "I and I," or inflow and infiltration, which is water leaking into sewage flow that doesn't belong but must be processed. Of 12 million gallons the plant might process on a typical winter day, just two million were generated as wastewater. The rest leaked in to the system, taxing the processing plant.

Arcata's celebrated hybrid waste treatment system consists of the traditional mechanized plant and the treatment ponds at the famed Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. While faltering, it is well understood and basically sound, Andre said.

"It's wobbly, but the wheels haven't fallen off," he said. "It's a great system."

However, a massive overhaul and expansion of the venerable facility has been in the works for some time. In March, a consultant's report will be available. It is likely to recommend a major – and costly – expansion in order to keep up with projected demand.

Doby Class, director of engineering, said the proposed developments will impact circulation, and require adaptations for the area's transportation and circulatory systems – everything from bus routes to trails.

That will be done, he said, with "equal respect for all transportation systems."

Traffic analyses will be performed, and the results used not just to pave the way for student cars. "We need to make it so you don't need to do that," Class said.

The studies will offer an opportunity to reapproach the chronically dysfunctional intersection of Sunset Avenue at G and H streets and L.K. Wood Boulevard, which is under Caltrans jurisdiction.

Even before studies are conducted, a few improvements are obvious. Arcata & Mad River Transit will likely add a stop on St. Louis Road north of The Village. Trail connectivity between the Skate Park and St. Louis Road must also be improved.

Neighbors voice concerns

The ambitious slate of developments unsettled a number of residents, who see the character of their neighborhoods changing in the shadow – sometimes literally – of the new developments.

Dave Meserve objected to the scale of The Village and its non-local developers, as well as its displacement of the Craftsman's Mall, a funky warren of small artisan shops.

"I'd kind of hate to see that just go away," Meserve said.

He wasn't thrilled about Canyon Creek, either. Its 70 units basically doubles the population density of his neighborhood, he said. "Adding 70 more is just crazy," he said. "It doesn't fit the neighborhood. I think it's really a greedy project."

Several other speakers objected to the impacts of additional traffic, urbanization and even the pets students will bring in.

Not all speakers were critical of the new projects. One young woman spoke of the difficulty young professional HSU graduates have in finding somewhere to live. "Housing developments are crucial to keeping people here after graduation," she said. "They'll promote sustainable growth."

Councilmembers appreciated the education, both from the experts and the citizens.

Councilmember Mark Wheatley said the university's and the city's growth are converging, and joint impact mitigation strategies will be needed.

Councilmembers Susan Ornelas and Sofia Pereira appreciated the opportunity to create "transit-oriented development" that could reduce vehicle dependence.

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❖ **FROM A1**
“but there is help available.”
Vice chair of the county Board of Supervisors, Lovelace received word Saturday of a WARN announcement under the “The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act.” That federal labor law requires companies with more than 100 employees to provide a 60 calendar-day notice of plant closings and mass layoffs.
Mark Pawlicki, the company’s spokesman, said in a telephone interview from SPI’s corporate headquarters in Anderson, about 10 miles south of Redding, that each employee who decides to move elsewhere within the company will receive \$2,000 in relocation assistance. The company has job openings at other locations and Arcata’s crew members are being encouraged to consider them.
The Arcata sawmill is slated to shut down on March 25; finishing up the framing lumber that remains is scheduled to end on April 22, Pawlicki said. The facility sits on 70 acres, but no decision has been made on the disposition of either the equipment or the land, he added.
Lovelace could not quantify in dollar terms what the local economy will suffer from the closure, but said it was evident “the impact is huge” – in lost tax revenue and workers’ wages, as well as the money SPI spent locally on fuel, equipment and supplies to operate the mill.
Although the Workforce Development Board has aided many displaced employees in the past, Lovelace acknowledged that “with automation and consolidation in the timber industry, helping to find replacement jobs for these workers increasingly means looking in different industries.” In the Jan. 26 communiqué about the

shutdown, Pawlicki named a variety of causes: a drop in the volume of “suitable” lumber available in this area; flat U.S. home construction rates, and rising lumber imports from Canada.
But he added that “the largest factor was that the type and size of logs that this [Arcata] mill cuts are simply not available in ample supply to continue to run the mill.”
He said the shortfall was in Douglas fir logs 16 inches or more in diameter that are used for framing lumber.
Yet the broader factors of lower profits and cheaper imports also led to the mill’s demise, SPI said.
Professor Steve Hackett, veteran chair of Humboldt State’s Department of Economics, said in an email that U.S. composite prices for framing lumber are generally lower now than a year ago, which Pawlicki confirmed. In December 2014 the composite price of different kinds of framing lumber was \$375 per thousand board feet, he said. By last December, it had shrunk noticeably to \$316 per thousand board feet.
Hackett fleshed out the macroeconomic factors. “Domestic commodity manufacturers such as framing lumber producers operate in a globalized market,” he noted, “and compete with international producers that benefit from lower production costs. In some cases international producers also receive government subsidies.”
Further, he said, “Canadian mills selling into the U.S. lumber market are benefiting from a relatively stronger U.S. dollar, which gives them a leg up on domestic mills. Concerns about the Chinese economy (and thus international demand for lumber) also contribute to softening in demand.”
China’s financial markets have been roiled since the start of 2016.

That has spread fears on Wall Street and on leading international bourses in Europe and Asia that Beijing’s rapid and sustained economic growth since Deng Xiaoping’s “capitalism without democracy” reforms of 1978-1979 may finally be dwindling into a recession or at least flattening out for the time being.
Pawlicki underlined that “we tried everything” to save the Manila operation, transporting logs from California’s interior and barging logs south from British Columbia and Washington state. Those alternatives proved uneconomic, he said.
The Arcata stoppage reflects larger trends in the timber industry. HSU Economics Professor Erick Eschker, director of the Humboldt Economic Index, the university’s online reference tool, said the lumber manufacturing sector was dropped from the index as of last spring, because the number of companies had slipped to such a low level.
The contraction has been precipitous. “In 2015,” Eschker emailed, “production and payroll at local area mills was only 29 percent of the level it had been in 1994. According to the California Forestry Association, since 2000 less than five of 17 manufacturers remain.”
Lovelace believes SPI’s decision to part with its Arcata operation after so many years – the company leased its first mill near Jacoby Creek in 1949 and has run the Manila facility since 1951 – is a harsh reminder of Humboldt’s enduring need for a diversified economic base, as market fundamentals change structurally.
One day, perhaps, the marijuana industry might shore up the jobs shed by lumber manufacturers.
“What’s happened in the tim-

ber industry over the last 20 or so years ... is a reminder that you never want to become dependent on any one industry or company,” Lovelace said. “Diversification is good even where a given industry is strong.”
He speculated on how that reality might affect the future of Humboldt’s thriving marijuana base. “As the cannabis industry emerges from the shadows and becomes more legitimate, it will be part of the mainstream economy,” Lovelace predicted. “It will be subject to competitive market forces and we probably should anticipate that consolidation and automation will impact the cannabis industry in ways that we can’t yet imagine. So diversification doesn’t only mean looking to other industries, but also to the various parts of a given industry. Cultivation jobs may dwindle locally, but new jobs might emerge in research or product development or other aspects of this emerging industry, in ways that diversify our economy far beyond what we can see now.”
Asked about this, Eschker,

who co-chairs HSU’s Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research, said a great deal will depend on what politics allow. In his words, will towns “have the stomach to allow large scale marijuana manufacturing?”
Legalized marijuana production could be a boon to the economy “if it’s embraced by those who determine zoning, business licenses, etc.,” he said (*Union* Jan. 27).
Hackett emphasized that until legalization is a fact, the industry’s course is strictly conjectural. But he said conceivably Humboldt’s marijuana sector might develop in two directions at once: the displacement of the less efficient cottage industry by large scale, capital-intensive factories producing commodity products at least cost; and as a model of the vineyard-wine industry, with small boutique operators using research and development to produce high quality products that would appeal to specialized tastes and preferences. “I expect it will be ‘a little of both’ rather than ‘either-or,’” Hackett said.

Manila rates may go up

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – The impending closure of the Sierra Pacific Industries mill may result in a significant increase in sewer and water rates for the town of Manila.
The sawmill, located on the north side of the sandy outpost near Mad River Slough, is the Manila Community Services District’s largest customer, accounting for about 20 percent of the district’s water consumption.
District Manager Chris Drop said the mill pays about \$17,500 in water \$13,500 in sewer bills a year, for a total of \$31,000.
The district may save some money from not having to pump and treat the mill’s wastewater, but the amount would be small.
If district customers have to make up the difference for the lost revenue, their combined sewer bills could go up by \$11 to \$12 a month. Combined sewer and water bills now average about \$70 per customer per month.
It’s uncertain at this point exactly how the closure will affect the district, as the future of the mill site is still undecided.
“We’re considering what we need to do,” Drop said.

Homeless | Plan focuses on permanent housing

❖ **FROM A1**
on trying to provide more shelter in the hopes that your unsheltered population will come inside is likely to be a distraction from the solutions, which are to provide housing,” she continued.
Crisis response through opening shelters is “where we really started in the ‘80s,” said Schatz, adding that data has shown that what actually works is “providing pathways to housing for people.”
Later, she added that although the housing market seems tight, there are probably several hundreds of rental units that could take in homeless people.
Eureka Councilmember Melinda Ciarabellini – who was among the minority of Eureka councilmembers voting against the shelter crisis declaration – noted that the plan’s recommendations prioritize the involvement of

landlords.
Schatz said developing incentives and working relationships with landlords should be “right near the top of the list” of things to do. The plan recommends organization of a “housing summit” and training sessions where county and city staff members would be coached on how to negotiate rentals.
An impediment to both emergency shelter and conventional housing is dog ownership. Asked about that by Eureka Councilmember Kim Bergel, Schatz said some communities have set up kennels and negotiating with landlords is key.
But during a public comment session, several speakers involved in the crisis response approach expressed doubt about the plan’s focus on permanent housing.
Some said implementation of the plan will take time

and emergency shelter is needed now.
Eureka Councilmember Natalie Arroyo said her city is in a “unique situation” with the encampments at the Palco Marsh behind the Bayshore Mall, which are slated to be cleared out this spring.
The city’s shelter crisis declaration calls for using city properties as emergency shelters. Sundberg said the county and the city seem to be pursuing contrasting goals.
“I’m just feeling like there’s a huge communication gap here,” he continued. “How do we bridge that gap and do this together, because I don’t see it happening here.”
Schatz responded by saying that the county and the city need to combine resources to be effective. She said the initial step would be for each government to endorse the plan and commit to its implementation.
“The only real way to go in different directions is to start spending money on things that aren’t in the plan,” she added.

Trinidad | Sandwiched between VDUs

❖ **FROM A1**
and send it to the Coastal Commission for approval.
The legal language provided by Trinidad city planner Trever Parker discussed examples for a cap on the total number of VDUs, and possible 100- or 150-foot buffer zones between each VDU, drawn from the edge of the property for large VDUs and from the center of the property for small VDUs.
The language included a legal definition for VDUs, which is absent from the current ordinance, that took its definition from Trinidad’s Transient Occupancy Tax, a tax on vacation rentals, hotels and bed and breakfast establishments. The proposed definition would limit VDUs to houses, prohibit multiple VDUs on one parcel and prohibit the use of accessory structures such as garages for vacation rentals.
The amendments could also require a minimum amount of business activity each year to prevent people from acquiring a VDU license without running a VDU, and prohibit the transfer of VDU licenses between home buyers and sellers.

Judging by the public comments, folks in Trinidad were not pleased. Most comments to the commission that night fell into a camp which would rather do away with the VDU ordinance and instead focus on enforcing section 17.56.060 of the Trinidad municipal code.
The section applies to businesses in residential zones, called home occupations, and requires the owner to live in the house while it is being operated as a vacation rental. It also prohibits the hiring of any employees who are not family members. Opponents of the ordinance said that VDUs qualify as commercial businesses, not home occupations, and should not be allowed in Trinidad’s urban and suburban residential zones.
Trinidad volunteer firefighter Lauren Scott presented the planning commission a *change.org* petition with 56 signatures calling for the city to allow only owner-occupied rentals in Trinidad’s neighborhoods.
Scott said young people were being priced out of Trinidad as homes turn into

VDUs and rental rates increase.
Scott’s fellow volunteer firefighter Tom Davies called for the commission to wipe the slate clean of the VDU ordinance and criticized VDUs for bringing noise, trash and other by products of vacationers’ revelry to the quiet streets of Trinidad’s downtown neighborhoods.
“The media call [VDUs] the sharing economy, but the only sharing in this economy is headaches,” Davies said.
Trinidad resident Dorothy Cox told the commission her neighborhood in particular, Ocean Avenue in the center of town, was suffering from the presence of VDUs. There are six VDUs listed on Ocean Avenue out of a total of 17 houses, and one residential home in the neighborhood is sandwiched in by VDUs on both sides.
“The mansions on the hill aren’t impacted, but we are strongly impacted,” Cox said.
Jonna Kitchen and Reid Kitchen, co-owners of Trinidad Retreats, a vacation rental business that manages 20 rentals around Trinidad, were almost the lone voices of public support for the amendment process.
Reid Kitchen said he wanted an amendment balanced between the needs of neigh-

borhoods and businesses.
“I don’t want to be sandwiched between two VDUs, and I don’t want to be an adversary with my neighbors,” he said.
Jonna Kitchen said that she supported a cap on the number of VDUs allowed in neighborhoods and the minimum activity requirement, but strongly opposed the city planner’s recommendation to end transfers of VDU licenses. Jonna Kitchen also opposed a push to hold managers responsible for misbehavior by their renters.
“The responsible party should get the misdemeanor, not the manager. The manager is responsible to mitigate the issue,” Jonna Kitchen said.
The planning commission later discussed creating a position or office to enforce the VDU code, collect complaints, and pursue violations. The commission members got a bit ahead of themselves at the end of the meeting when they attempted to vote to direct the Trinidad City Council to consider increasing VDU license fees to cover the cost of a code enforcement position. One of the few locals left at the meeting helpfully informed the commission that the vote would have to be open to public comment, and it was tabled.

Medical pot | New rules for pot growing

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permitting proceeds.
“But for now, this is a first step,” she said.
The ordinance regulates all aspects of commercial activity, but its main content sets size and performance standards for various levels of permitting.
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square feet of growing area is allowed under basic ministerial permits.
The idea is to channel start-up grows into areas that are well-suited for crop production.
New grows are prohibited in timberland areas, a provision that will likely spare the ordinance from being targeted for litigation.
Existing grows on appropriately-zoned parcels of over five acres

will have to conform to multiple performance standards and will be approved under conditional use permits if grow area exceeds 10,000 square feet. A maximum of one acre of growing area is allowable on agricultural parcels.
On ag parcels of less than an acre, existing grows of up to 2,500 square feet will be allowed under conditional use permits.
Indoor grows up to 10,000

square feet are also allowed in the ordinance under various size and permit thresholds.
Demonstrating a relative lack of controversy, a public comment session only included a handful of speakers.
But Southern Humboldt resident Robert Sutherland of the Humboldt-Mendocino Marijuana Advocacy Project warned that the ordinance’s environmental review improperly uses current conditions as a baseline in gauging potential effects.

Referring to the environmental effects of the “exponential growth” of the marijuana industry, Sutherland said declaring that the ordinance will not intensify impacts is “a claim that authorizes significant and ongoing environmental damage negligently ignored by the county.”
But the mood in the packed supervisors chambers was otherwise celebratory. When supervisors carried out their approval vote, loud, lingering applause followed.

PUBLIC SAFETY



JAMES P. BRANTLY FUND EMT Ken Comer, left, recently accepted a grant from the James P. Brantly Fund to help the Coffee Creek Fire District purchase new respirators. McKinleyville resident Donna Brantly, right, presented the check to honor her husband who was killed in a traffic accident on Hwy 299 in 2007. Administered by the Humboldt Area Foundation, the James P. Brantly Fund annually awards grants to volunteer search and rescue, fire and EMT organizations serving rural Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte communities. Previous grants helped purchase rope for Trinity Search and Rescue and a potable water filtration system for the Downriver Volunteer Fire Department, as well as funded other groups' training materials, diabetic ambulance supplies and jaws of life. Donations to support this fund can be sent to Humboldt Area Foundation, 636 Indianola Rd., Bayside, 95524, designated for the James P. Brantly Fund.

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Measure Z is a half-cent sales tax applied to local purchases and was passed by voters in November 2014. Last year, 24 agencies submitted 46 applications for funding, and 15 of them were either partially or fully funded by the Board of Supervisors.

The advisory committee will review applications and recommend projects for funding. This process will be repeated each year until 2020 when Measure Z sunsets.

The application asks you to describe your proposal, as well as your plan to sustain the proposal after 2020. In addition, the application requires an explanation as to how the request is an essential service or for public safety.

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❖ FIELDBROOK SLAYINGS

Jury selection for double murder case

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – Jury selection proceeds this week in the retrial of a Lake County man, Jason Michael Arreaga, 30, charged with a double murder in Fieldbrook in September 2014.

A number of prospective jurors have already been excused, making plain that they objected to serving on a case rooted in Humboldt's malignant drug culture and reliant on key witnesses with long rap sheets who are addicts.

Presiding Superior Court Judge Marilyn B. Miles and both counsels have been careful to inform prospective jurors that a good deal of testimony will come from chronic and confirmed abusers of meth, heroin, marijuana and alcohol. There are nearly 140 names on the witness list, including police officers and other professionals, but the number who are called to the stand might fall well short of that total.

Arreaga, of Lucerne, is being tried a second time after a hung jury resulted last fall. Judge Miles said the new trial will probably take two weeks, aside from the three to four weeks that may be needed to seat the new jury and four alternates. An initial pool consisted of 62 prospective jurors.

The retrial will test whether the District Attorney's Office can produce

the additional witnesses or other evidence that the hung jury's foreman said would be needed to reach a verdict when he announced the nine-to-three deadlock last Oct. 23.

Jurors fell short of the unanimous verdict required in connection with the shooting deaths Sept. 3, 2014 of Eureka couple Harley Hammers Jr. and Angel Robin Tully, both 37, in the driveway of a trailer on Fieldbrook Road.

Based on ballistics and forensic evidence, the state charged Arreaga with both murders. The murder weapon, a .380 caliber pistol, was found in his car when he was arrested about seven and a half hours after the slayings. No fingerprints were recovered, however, and key witnesses gave conflicting testimony about whether they saw Arreaga fire the shots.

In an unusual defense move in a murder case, Arreaga took the stand toward the end of the trial and accused Shavonne Hammers, 36, estranged wife of the dead man, of shooting both victims during a screaming quarrel. Shavonne Hammers had been close friends with Tully since childhood and was angry that the dead woman had "interfered" with Shavonne Hammers' children.

According to testimony, Shavonne Hammers had purchased the pistol on the black market on behalf of Ar-

reaga's invalided father. She allegedly brought it with her in the car that Arreaga borrowed from his father to travel to McKinleyville and Fieldbrook.

Shavonne Hammers, who paid Arreaga \$100 to finance the trip north from Lucerne, was present at the driveway crime scene when the gunfire broke out. Conflicting testimony placed her either inside the trailer when shots rang out or in the driveway taking aim at the victims in a frenzy of anger.

Public Defender Heidi Holmquist argued that it was Shavonne Hammers who had the obvious motive – jealousy – for killing her estranged husband and former friend.

As the leadoff witness of Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis, Shavonne Hammers was granted immunity in return for her incriminating testimony against Arreaga.

In the wake of his 11th hour allegations under oath, Judge Miles informed the jury, "Before you consider Shavonne Hammers' testimony against the defendant, you must decide if she is an accomplice to the crime ... Did she aid, participate [in], facilitate, promote, encourage or abet a criminal conspiracy?"

A person can qualify legally as an accomplice, the judge explained, even if (s)he does not face prosecution.

Fuzz phoned following Facebook flame fest

• Wednesday, January 13 11:03 a.m.

A woman clad in a white bedsheet and arguing with herself wandered into a Plaza bar, and was ejected. She rode off on a skateboard, but was arrested after a welfare check.

Noon Someone posted something on anti-social media about killing someone else's family.

2:02 p.m. A Stromberg Avenue resident noticed something unusual inside his car – a man sleeping.

4:04 p.m. Eureka Police asked APD to check southbound Old Arcata Road toward Indianola Cutoff for a vehicle containing a dog reported to have its mouth bound with rope.

7:56 p.m. An airplane passenger met a woman also traveling to ACV from SFO. On giving her a courtesy ride home from the airport, the fellow traveler noticed that there was "nothing inside of her home," and that she seemed to be having trouble getting around. The concerned acquaintance asked that an officer check on the woman and call her back.

8:09 p.m. An upgraded Union Street apartment complex regressed to the mean, antics-wise, when an 18- to 20-year-old man clambered up onto a second-floor balcony and pounded on a locked sliding glass door, apparently to no avail. He was "moved along."

8:50 p.m. A half-dozen noisy folks converged behind a cannon (*see page A7*) protecting the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, maybe making camp. They too got the well-practiced move-along talk.

10:15 p.m. A report flooded in of someone peeing on Fourth Street bushes.

• **Thursday, January 14 2:41 a.m.** A woman wearing a home-detention ankle bracelet needed to take her daughter to the doctor. She wanted someone to tell her what was allowed in terms of travel.

9:40 a.m. More Facebook threats.

10:47 a.m. A man noticed that his license plate had been stolen and replaced with someone else's.

3:50 p.m. Two people involved in a road rage incident on South G Street pulled over to argue. When one slapped the other's hand, a witness feared escalation and called police.

10:07 p.m. A woman suspected someone secretly coming



and going from her house. First her passport went missing and then reappeared, then she came home to find the front door unlocked when she had totally locked it before leaving.

• **Friday, January 15 7:27 a.m.** Suicidal Facebook comments concerned someone's friend, who called police.

10:46 a.m. A man in a camouflage Raiders jacket and matching foliage-flavored shorts loitered in Westwood Center, walking in circles and arguing with passersby as well as himself. He was gone on police arrival.

12:24 p.m. The camouflage Raiders jacket/shorts combo next made a fashion splash at Tina Court and Lorelei Lane, where the inhabitant of the garments was arrested for making a disturbance.

• **Saturday, January 16 11:56 a.m.** The county coroner was called to Mustang Lane.

7:52 p.m. A man's brother let four or five men into their Zehndner Avenue residence. When he returned home, he tried to get them to leave, but they wouldn't, and assaulted him instead. The assailants were gone on police arrival.

• **Sunday, January 17 8:28 a.m.** "I'll stab you!" yelled a woman in an upstairs Alliance Road apartment.

9:56 a.m. A man bled on the pavement rather unappetizingly near a downtown donut shop.

10:19 a.m. The sheer statistical density of lingerers outside a Ninth Street business prevented a woman from entering. They were cleared in humane fashion, allowing job access.

11:10 a.m. A school bag left in the back seat of a car on Bayside Road was smash and grabbed.

6:49 p.m. A man with a bandage over his eye initially turned aside appeals to depart a downtown donut shop.

7:57 p.m. A car parked in a red zone and a bike lane and obstructing the view of traffic was most satisfyingly ticketed.

• **Monday, January 18 2:38 a.m.** A burglar removed a screen and opened a window at an Eighth Street home, entering and stealing a laptop computer and passport.

4:40 a.m. A 10th Street man heard a window smash in his downstairs front bedroom, and confronted the intruder with a firearm. The window-breaker then fled, and the victim called police. He said he would secure the firearm and lock it away.

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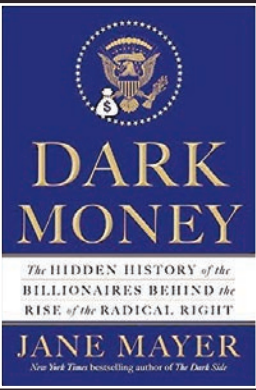
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OPINION

Obliviousness is key to letting European beach grass thrive

I was amazed to read that a farrier, whose expertise is giving pedicures to beautiful feces-spewing money-consuming equines, would have such a deep ecological understanding of species conservation and biological diversity as was expressed in the Jan. 20 *Union* (Uri Driscoll, “Let’s restore common sense”).

❖ LETTER

I’m no ecologist, but I have spent 23 years as a civil/environmental engineer, working on an array of projects ranging from toxic cleanup of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, to project management for the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on the Alameda Naval Air Station Superfund cleanup (now Alameda National Wildlife Refuge), engineering design and construction oversight of Headwaters Forest Reserve and the Bureau of Land Management’s cleanup and improvement of the South Spit and Ma-le’l Dunes.



SCIENCE AND NATURE This April 2013 photo of Humboldt Bay Wallflowers on the Manila Dunes thriving in the relative absence of European beach grass is part of a new interpretive display at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center.

PHOTO BY BRAD JOB

I’m confident that even Anna Sparks, a common-sense conservative, would agree with me that the semi-implied notion of increasingly offloading homelessness problems into our dunes and beaches is noxious, too. Sadly, the need for homeless services remains as unresolved as in the early 1990s. One option for some wayward youth is the California Conservation Corps (CCC). The concept that the Eu-

ropean beach grass invasion should lie unabated is lame, oblivious to the entire body of ecological science, shows no conservation ethic (like Theodore Roosevelt had) and is ignorant of the economic value of environmental tourism, which still brings millions of dollars to our county even after the timber industry has mostly packed up its jobs and left.

Tourists pay to come see unique things like the Humboldt Bay Wallflower, which would otherwise have been wiped out. We will never completely eradicate most noxious weeds (see photo), but good sense dictates that we must maintain what is essentially captive breeding of our indigenous beach and dune ecosystems in certain areas, work mostly performed by the CCC.

Both are magically and uniquely Californian.

So yay, let’s all follow Uri into his approach to keeping Humboldt County special and rare.

Brad Job, P.E.
Arcata

Interim use status would liberate key peninsula properties

Local jobs and public revenues are being lost due to outdated coastal zoning designations that prevent the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District from leasing its property and providing economic development opportunities for our community.

The Harbor District and our leasing agent have turned away many prospective tenants ranging from manufacturers to wholesale distributors because of this restriction on land use.

Other private and public coastal property owners in the City of Eureka and in the county are being impacted as well. We can’t speak for them, but we know that the Harbor District is losing out on rental income needed to support the existing infrastructure because of this barrier; and just as importantly, local residents are losing out on potential jobs.

We’re also alarmed at the de-

clining state of many industrial buildings around Humboldt Bay as they sit vacant.

Without tenants to use and maintain them, these important industrial assets, like the buildings, infrastructure and docks at former pulp mills, are deteriorating. These buildings and their associated electric, water, sewer and road infrastructure need to be utilized immediately or they risk becoming degraded to the point where they cannot be used at all.

Here’s the problem. The Harbor District’s 140-plus acres of property on the Samoa Peninsula are designated “coastal-dependent industrial” (CDI) in the Humboldt Bay Area Plan. CDI properties can only be used by tenants that directly require access to the bay, such as fishing, aquaculture, shipping, fuel terminals and facilities for offshore oil rigs.

Even uses most would consider CDI compliant such as

wood-products manufacturers by the bay (i.e. pulp and lumber mills) are currently determined to be non-compliant and thus cannot be sited on CDI land. One local company that manufactures posts for vineyards wanted to lease from us. Since they only ship by truck, they didn’t qualify — even though they hope to increase their sales enough to ship by sea in the future.

The district supports the goal and intentions behind preserving CDI zoning — to maintain essential coastal industrial land for shipping and other uses that require access to the sea. One day, some new type of business we can barely imagine now — perhaps wave energy generators — will need some of this land, and we want much of it to remain available for the future.

With over 1,300 acres of CDI-designated land on Humboldt Bay (compared to 950 acres for the Port of Oakland), and only about four percent or 50 acres in permitted use areas, we have a huge surplus of land reserved for

coastal-dependent uses. The City of Eureka recently had an independent market study done which indicated that less than 10 percent (19 acres) of CDI-designated land in the city would be needed for coastal-dependent uses in the next 20 years!

Humboldt County — which has zoning jurisdiction over the Harbor District’s property — is now evaluating future needs for CDI land, and the next update of the local coastal plan will likely include proposals to change CDI designations on many parcels to more general commercial and industrial zoning.

Based on what we have seen, that process will likely take years.

That is why the district is seeking the ability to lease some of our CDI land now, especially our warehouse and shop spaces, to a wider range of industrial or commercial tenants on an “interim use” basis. We’re advocating for interim use approval by the county until the updated local coastal plan is amended and certified by the Coastal Commission.

This will allow us to rent to a broad range of industrial/manufacturing businesses. If a coastal-dependent tenant came along later, we’d move the existing tenant to another site. Coastal-dependent uses will always have priority, and lease terms will reflect this.

The district has been and continues to be committed to making sure that enough coastal industrial land remains available for businesses or other entities that need access to the sea. Given the large amount of coastal industrial land, buildings, docks and other facilities that are vacant — and have been for years — we think that granting interim use status to some of this property is not only prudent, but necessary, for job creation and to avert losing these assets’ potential for future CDI use.

Richard Marks is a commissioner representing Division 4, which includes Eureka, on the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District.

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OPINION

How and why peaceable Arcata is armed with a cannon

I grew up on the East Coast, in areas once in the midst of the Revolutionary and Civil wars, so old cannons were everywhere and not much of a novelty. In their original setting, bristling from a fort or looming over a strategic inlet, they can elicit strength, but mostly they're just obsolete iron tubes.

When I first saw the cannon in Arcata I was impressed with its graceful, long, lean lines and that some of the gadgetry for it to aim and fire remained. I wondered where it came from and why was it here? Asking around I heard the same stories. One was that it was a captured World War II Japanese cannon, and the other that it had once been hauled up to Humboldt



ARCATA HISTORY
First of two parts

State University by mischievous students. I also remember being concerned with its wooden spokes and wheel rims exposed to Humboldt's wet climate.

I had an old house to restore, another to build, and then reentered the workforce, but the gun stayed in the back of my mind. Not that I have any affinity for cannons, but that one seemed worth saving. The steel would never rust away, but without its wheels much of its historic fabric would disappear. It wasn't until recently that I had time to think about Humboldt's largest gun again.

Another visit revealed more rot in the wheels than I remembered and I was determined to soak the wood with preservative. It wasn't mine, however. I wanted permission from whoever was in charge, also hoping to learn the gun's history. I mentioned this to Winnie Trump at a breakfast and she pointed to Al Toste, saying



ARCATA'S ANTIQUE ARSENAL The cannon outside the Veterans Memorial Building, above, and Bob Felter conducting maintenance, below.

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"there's the man to talk with." Al said he'd bring the rot issue up at an American Legion meeting, and that the one person who'd know the history was Marino Sichi. "You should do it soon though, he's in Timber Ridge Senior Center and his days are numbered."

That was on a Friday. Sunday afternoon I went to Timber Ridge and asked for Marino. Despite some reluctance by the receptionist, I explained my presence and she led me back to the nurse station. Tears came to her eyes as the nurse stammered, "Marino passed away this morning." I think everyone who knew him loved him. Rotten timing. I walked out in disbelief.

A call to Alan Baker, the Commander of the VFW/American Legion Hall, connected me with Ben Curtis, an active member of the Legion. I explained my concern about the rot and during our conversation it became apparent since kids climb on the cannon it would



be a tragedy if it were to collapse. Ben also brought the issue up at the next American Legion meeting and it was decided they needed to do something. As he said, "we can't let it go under our watch."

The Legionnaires jacked the cannon up and placed a welded support underneath. I was then OK'd to paint on preservative. Laws have affected what is available in California, and what's in the stores now has only eight percent copper naphthenate and is water based and green. This contrasts with what was on the shelf two years ago; solvent-based, green,

brown or clear, and three times the amount of the same active ingredient. I didn't want to use a green color on historic wheels, nor one that would leach out in our winter rains. Coincidentally, on a job I came across an old gallon can mostly full of clear "good stuff" and made a trade with the owner.

Now it was time to learn about the cannon. Linda, a researcher at the Humboldt County Historical Society said that she also had once looked into it but found nothing. A stop at the Arcata's Branch Library also came up dry, and Humboldt State's Humboldt Room, where local historic documents are kept, was closed for the holidays. I next thought about the old *Arcata Union*; they must have printed at least a mention when the cannon arrived in town. An email to Susie Van Kirk, who knew "everything" historical about Arcata, offered that she'd been through every issue of the *Union* since 1940 and had never seen anything.

Ben Curtis mentioned another possibility who had left the area, so I made one more call to Alan Baker. He provided the phone number of Virgil Freeman, who now lives in Fremont. Virgil had been in the post for decades and was a past Commander of the VFW/American Legion Hall.

Born in 1920, he spent 40 months in the Pacific Theater during World War II as a code clerk, sending and deciphering communications. He joined the Lodge about 1955 when the cannon was already there, but knew some of its history. It's likely that this was the last chance to learn by word of mouth.

Virgil explained that before the war, a small cannon sat on the Hall's lawn. As hostilities grew, the government called for scrap metal and the cannon was sent to the smelter. Much of America's history met a similar fate. Perhaps the government remembered or was reminded of Arcata's contribution, because after the war our replacement was sent here. But in an era with P-51 Mustangs and B-17 Bombers being left behind or pushed off the decks of ships as they crossed the ocean, why would an old iron relic such as this come to the United States, I asked.

He replied that the ships returning home needed ballast. Anything heavy they could find was set down in the holds to keep the ships upright, and that a cannon would do a fine job of that. It arrived in the port of Richmond and came north on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad at a cost of \$17. Virgil thought the Bill of Lading was somewhere in the Veterans Memorial Building.

This piece first appeared in the winter 2012 edition of the Humboldt Historian, Vol. 61, No. 4. Next week: the cannon slowly reveals its secrets.

Bob Felter is a local builder and historian.

Humboldt's transportation limitations

Humboldt County's geographical isolation has laughingly been referred to as the Redwood Curtain, but I wasn't amused when my holiday plans were postponed by relentless weather. State Route 299 remained closed except for vehicles with chains for several mornings in a row. I don't do chains, and since my sleeping schedule is set for the night shift, I don't drive long distances in the afternoon.

It was especially frustrating because I could hardly find any reliable information. The local media took the long weekend off. In fact, even during normal times, I have trouble locating good weather data.

I found one website that gives rainfall for the last hour, last 24 hours and "yesterday," but there is no indication of when "yesterday" started and ended. The number for the last 24 hours rolls every hour, so it's impossible to figure out a cumulative total. Most of the time, it's just curiosity, but others, it actually matters.

Increased satellite data makes weather forecasting more detailed, if not necessarily more accurate, but it is maddeningly hard to pin down. Another site offers hourly temperature predictions, which I like so I can gauge whether the windows of my car will ice up before I leave for work. The app I used to use has morphed into an entertainment channel filled with videos on other subjects and practically no meteorological information.

The weather service has tons of data, but trying to find it is a nightmare. Why can't I just enter my ZIP code and get the current scoop for our area? Instead, I find mysterious maps with confusing overlays.

Weather is one subject that af-

fects nearly everyone. Commuting to work or school, traveling for business or pleasure and trips to the grocery store or doctor's office are all dependent on it. Which brings me to the subject of air travel in and out of Humboldt.

Locals are frequently scolded by people associated with air travel for not paying sky-high air fares. Local and airline officials say that unless we make more use of the unreliable, mega-expensive service we have, we'll never get anything better. Even if you never travel, you could be affected by this situation.

My doctor told me his practice had recruited a physician to join it. She loved the area and was eager to move here. Her husband was self-employed, easing a frequent problem with professional couples when one finds a good job here but the other can't.

But he needed to fly in and out a lot, and when he found out flights were often canceled, he couldn't make the situation work for him. She declined the offer, and the practice is still short a doctor. It's very common for locals to miss meetings, conferences and other obligations because of last-minute flight cancellations.

Weather is what happens on a daily basis, while climate is the accumulation of weather over time. Climate change is having an impact — just ask a crab boat operator. Our biggest visitor attraction, both literally and figuratively, is the redwood forests, and they are endangered by lower expected rainfall totals.

After decades of being routinely cut off from the Bay Area by rock slides, we have benefited greatly by the completed bypass of Carl's Slide. It's also an example of why the North

Coast railroad isn't coming back. There are multiple sites on the rail bed that would need projects just as big, and there is no compelling reason for anyone to commit that kind of money.

It's perfectly obvious we can get along fine without the railway. We've done it for 20 years. Nationwide, it's estimated that the break point at which it is less expensive to ship by rail than truck is 500 miles, about twice the distance from Eureka to Oakland.

And that doesn't factor in the ongoing costs for future failures of the track. I understand the nostalgic appeal of the railroad, but I don't know of anyone who can afford to pour the tens of millions of dollars it would take into that project. The proposed west-east route to the I-5 corridor is even less realistic.

There are plenty of proponents, but none of them has offered a substantial amount of money to get the ball rolling. It's easy to spend someone else's money, but when push comes to shove, nobody comes up with the cash to get started. Again, the distance is nowhere near the break point, even if the route were flat and available.

The next big Caltrans project on the North Coast will be Last Chance Grade, south of Crescent City. The narrow section of 101 regularly falls into the ocean, and there's no good alternate route. The next few years will be marked by meetings that lead to massive construction, which I hope will improve the situation, but I won't be holding my breath.

Elizabeth Alves has exhausted her patience with meetings. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

Brave new world

You may not have noticed, but the global economy is undergoing a big slide. The bubbles in the Chinese economy have burst and it turns out they will not experience eternal growth. In fact, the Chinese government has decided to pay more attention to their own citizens. They want to move away from an export-based economy and build a middle class that will be able to buy the things they manufacture.

At least one country is interested in having a middle class. Here in America, we are content that there are a handful of the extremely wealthy who control all our media and a large portion of our government, leaving the rest of us grubbing for pennies on broken sidewalks.

Another thing that you might not have noticed is that the U.S. stock market bubble has also burst, along with bubbles in other markets. Oil prices, the strength of which was supposed to sustain us, have collapsed. The value of the U.S. crude that was supposed to bring wealth to the middle of our country has dropped so much that its value has gone negative. Companies are having to pay to get rid of it.

Jobs have been lost. Bankruptcies have been filed. Those oil fields were developed to take advantage of the high price of oil back when oil prices were high. Appar-

ently, the astute businesspeople who made those decisions were a little unclear on the demand/supply theory. They believed that increased

supply in the face of stagnant to declining demand would have no impact on price. I expect that they will somehow manage to blame their losses on the government. Too much regulation probably.

This is something to keep in mind when there are calls to run the government like a business. Donald Trump, for instance, has bankrupted several businesses in his long career. Is that really what we want? Instead of a Constitution, we'll just incorporate ourselves. The Supreme Court could be our Board of Directors and Trump would be the CEO. Brave new world, indeed!

It's not all bad. Our NATO-inspired sanctions against the Russians, combined with the collapse of the value of the ruble, have created a local food movement in that country. Yes, there's a local food movement in Russia. Russians are returning to the foods of their past, growing their own and even importing a few cows and cowboys to get back into beef production. Grass fed beef, one hopes.

Mary Ella Anderson is proud of her brother who lives in Nevada and is voting for Bernie Sanders in the Nevada primary.



County's head honcho leaves for Kansas

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The work of Phillip Smith-Hanes, Humboldt County's respected county administrative officer, was honored by the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting he will attend.

Smith-Hanes finished his work with the county on Jan. 29 and is moving to Ellis County, Kansas, where he will work as lead administrator.

A resolution commending Smith-Hanes was the main item on the morning agenda of the Jan. 26 supervisors meeting.

The resolution states that during his six-year stint as the county's administrative officer, Smith-Hanes "led the county through a difficult recession with persistence, forethought and great commitment to serving the community."

Smith-Hanes' leadership is described in the resolution as having "contributed not only to an improved financial outlook for the county, it has also inspired a team approach to problem solving."

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg praised Smith-Hanes' conservative approach to spending. "He is extremely stingy when it comes to county money," he said.

Smith-Hanes began working for the county in 2005 as deputy county administrator. Due to the level of his work, his position was re-classified as assistant county administrator in 2007.

Appointed as county administrative officer in 2009, Smith-Hanes advanced community participation in county budget hearings by establishing live, interactive Internet streaming and public access TV feeds.

The county's successful Measure Z public safety sales tax measure is also mentioned in the resolution as one of his most valuable contributions.

Supervisor Rex Bohn noted the reason for Smith-Hanes' resignation and described it as a notable accomplishment in itself. "The reason he's leaving is so he can be closer to his mother and father as they grow older," he said. "To make that kind of commitment is probably more admirable than anything else you've done on this earth."

Smith-Hanes' appointment as lead administrator followed the retirement of former County Administrative Officer Loretta Nickolaus, whose leadership has legendary status.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace, the only board member who was supervisor when Smith-Hanes was appointed, recalled the transitional phase.

"I remember your interview and the certainty that 'he's the guy and we're going to be in great hands' and you've demonstrated that every day for the last six years you've been here," he said. During a public comment session, various department heads credited Smith-Hanes for encouraging collaboration and enhancing communication.

Interim County Administrative Officer Cheryl Dillingham said Smith-Hanes' work will have a lasting effect because "he's given us the tools and the ability to carry on the good work that he has started."

Asked to comment on his work in Humboldt, Smith-Hanes simply said, "It's been a great experience for me and I greatly appreciated your support."



Phillip Smith-Hanes

Wheetley drops out of supervisor race

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – Mark Wheetley has dropped out of the race for Third District Supervisor. The candidate announced his withdrawal from the race in an email sent out Monday morning.

"After long and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to withdraw my candidacy for Third District Supervisor. Due to a number of personal and professional obligations, it would be difficult to sustain an effective and competitive campaign at this time in balance with those commitments," Wheetley wrote. "I am thankful for all the support I

have received from the people of the Third District and throughout Humboldt County. I will continue to serve the people of Arcata on the City Council until my term expires in December 2018."

Wheetley did not mention whether his Jan. 7 arrest for allegedly driving under the influence was a factor in his decision.

Wheetley was one of three candidates running for the Third District seat, now held by Mark Lovelace, who is not seeking reelection. The other candidates who will face each other in June are Uri Driscoll and Mike Wilson.



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Email a decent sized jpeg photo to **editor@madriverriverunion.com**. Include the names of those in the photo. If you write a Valentine, please keep it under 20 words.

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MACKEY'S BACK



THE LINE FORMS ON THE RIGHT Sarah McKinney as Lucy and Christopher Kehoe as Macheath in *The Threepenny Opera*, opening this Thursday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE/FERNDAL REPERTORY THEATRE

ARCATA/FERNDAL – Mack the Knife is back in town! In 1928, Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill joined forces to bring *The Threepenny Opera* to the stage. In that spirit, the Arcata Playhouse and Ferndale Repertory Theatre (FRT) have partnered to produce this groundbreaking work that opens Friday, Feb. 5 in Arcata and then moves to Ferndale.

See London's gritty underworld in this dark and witty musical that mixes love story, uninhibited German cabaret and ingeniously original melody.

The Threepenny Opera is a "play with music" adapted by Brecht from John Gay's 18th-century English ballad opera, *The Beggar's Opera*, with music by Kurt Weill. It portrays a world in which morality and loyalty are swapped and bargained for like commodities.

The production originally opened in 1928 in Berlin and offers a socialist critique of the capitalist world. By 1933, when Weill and Brecht were forced to leave Germany by Hitler's Nazi Party, the play had been translated into 18 languages and performed more than 10,000 times on European stages. Songs from *The Threepenny Opera* have become standards, most notably "The Ballad of Mack the Knife" and "Pirate Jenny," covered by the likes of Nina Simone, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra and Tom Waits just to name a few.

In composing *The Threepenny Opera*, Kurt Weill wanted to steal from opera as a dramatic form and reinvent it, to write an "opera" that could be sung by actors. Directed by FRT's artistic director Leira Satlof, with musical direction by Jill Petricca, this production takes that idea a step further by utilizing a cast of actor-instrumentalists who must move between playing, singing and acting.

"It has been an unusual rehearsal process," commented Satlof. "Normally when working on a musical, the band and the actors will rehearse separately for a long period and then come together in the few rehearsals before opening. In this case we have been rehearsing together from the beginning, because the actors and the band are the same group of people. It has made for a rich process and I am very excited by the work we are going to bring to the stage."

Satlof has gathered a stellar local cast and design team that draws from the immense talent of the region. The collaboration between the Playhouse and FRT is an effort to explore how local theaters can work together, sharing resources, audiences and artists. The cast includes Playhouse Executive Director Jackie Dandeneau in the role of Jenny, Christopher Kehoe as Macheath, Kaitlen Osburn as Polly, Carl McGahan as Mr. Peachum, Dianne Zuleger as Mrs. Peachum, Sarah McKinney as Lucy and Tyler Egerer as Tiger Brown. Cindle Barr, Jim Case, Ethan Frank, Jill Petricca, John Petricca, Gina Piazza, Rigel Schmitt, Perrin Turney, Laura Welch and Andrea Zvaleko complete the cast of actor-instrumentalists. Local designers Ray Gutierrez (sets), Lynn Horrigan (costumes) and Michael Foster (lights) round out the team.

The Threepenny Opera previews at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Thursday, Feb. 4 and runs there Fridays and Saturday, Feb. 5, 6, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Feb. 7 and 14, at 2 p.m. The production will then move to Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St., for performances on Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. with matinees on both Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18/\$16 for students and seniors (60+) with a special \$5 preview on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Playhouse. Tickets can be purchased at Wildberries Market for Arcata performances and at ferndalerep.org, by calling (707) 786-5483.

Don't be afraid

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – This weekend, the Carlo Theatre welcomes an uproarious cast of characters in a carousel of human folly and unabashed passion during Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre's annual commedia dell'arte show. *Don't Be Afraid, It's Only COMMEDIA!* celebrates this lively comic form known for its masks, bold physical play, topical humor and virtuosic improvisational style.

Don't Be Afraid, It's Only COMMEDIA! is the culmination of five weeks of study of the human comedy by Dell'Arte's first-year ensemble, with performers hailing from Zimbabwe, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Italy and the U.S. Brought to life through the craft, discipline and comic spirit of these 17 performers from around the world, the archetypal commedia characters embody all the follies and foibles of humanity in its timeless

struggle to survive.

Delighting audiences for centuries, commedia dell'arte is known for its distinct masked character archetypes, its rhythm and musicality, its acrobatics and bold, presentational style. Performances are often bawdy and body-based in humor, involving themes that may be inappropriate for kids, but hilarious for the age-appropriate! Pay what you can and laugh all you want as the Dell'Arte first-year ensemble navigates this audacious comic terrain.

Don't Be Afraid, It's Only COMMEDIA! runs Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 4 to 6 at 8 p.m. in the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake. Admission is pay-what-you-can, and reservations are highly encouraged, as Dell'Arte's annual



... IT'S ONLY COMMEDIA Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre's first year ensemble presents the annual commedia dell'arte production this weekend. Above, Taylor Brewerton in last year's show. PHOTO BY JANESSA JOHNSRUDE | DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

commedia dell'arte show tends to sell out. To reserve or purchase tickets or for more information, call (707) 668-5663. Dell'Arte is not offering online ticket purchase for this production.

SING YOUR HEART OUT



VALENTINES Conductor Cassandra Moulton directs an ensemble of the Arcata High School Madrigal Choir at Jacoby's Storehouse in December. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ARMACK ORCHESTRA

HUMBOLDT – Don't spend Valentine's on the couch. This year, make a plan, and make sure that plan includes a Valentune by the Arcata-McKinleyville (ArMack) Orchestra and Arcata High School

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to choose from, Valentunes are a perfect way to let friends, sweethearts, family members, co-workers and teachers know that you appreciate them. Selections range from "Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra to "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran.

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The ArMack Orchestra features some 75 students from Arcata and McKinleyville high schools who meet five days a week at 7 a.m. to practice. The award-winning orchestra has traveled abroad many times for competition and has appeared at Carnegie Hall.

The Arcata High School Madrigal Choir, made up of advance voice students, will travel to San Francisco in the spring to perform.

The pickers are coming!

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The hit television show *American Pickers* will be filming in Humboldt County in March, with hosts Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz scouring the area for "rusty gold." The documentary series, which runs on the History channel, features two "pickers" who search for antique treasures.

Humboldt was chosen because Wolfe and Fritz "are very interested in the culture," said researcher Bonnie Carbone of Cineflix Productions, which makes the show for History.

The show will film for about two weeks in early March, but specific dates have yet to be scheduled, according to Carbone. The crew will be minimal, with just the two hosts, a couple of cam-

era operators and a couple of assistants. They typically lodge near an area's major airport, she said, but local accommodations have not been selected.

Local fans of the show may be disappointed to learn that co-star Danielle Colby will not be coming to Humboldt. She'll be back at Wolfe's Antique Archeology store in Nashville, Tenn., sorting through leads.

Carbone said that although the show already has some potential sites for the pickers to visit, they are looking for more leads.

According to a press release from Cineflex, the pickers are looking for vintage bicycles, toys, unusual radios, movie memorabilia, advertising, military items, folk art, vintage musical equipment, vintage automotive items, early firefighting equip-



SITTING THIS ONE OUT Danielle Colby will not be in Humboldt. FACEBOOK PHOTO
ment, vintage clothing and pre-50's western gear, among other things. "Mike and Frank only pick private collections so no stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses or anything open to the public," states an email from the company. "If you have a large collection or want to refer someone to the show, email your name, number, address and description of the collection and photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com."

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Republican debate left you in need of comfort food?

I watched the Republican debate the other night, and after I recovered my shattered equilibrium I felt sorely in need of some of Mother’s Best cooking to revive my faith in the human race.

Luckily, Thursday night is my weekly Dinner-at-the-Parents’ night, so I wiped the dirt off my face and heaved my crushed soul over to Rancho Brotman, where fortuitously both my parents had sensed a disturbance in The Force and made some solid comfort food: slow-roasted pork belly from Dad, which he cut into perfect child-fist-sized cubes and fried, and tzimmes from Grandma Tina’s recipe, on yellowing paper written in her pretty round cursive.

It’s such a bummer future generations won’t have hand-written recipes, handwriting is so evocative of the person. I’m not even sure if I can remember how to write well in cursive, honestly.

Anyway, I have a real fondness for Jewish food, partly because I’m Jewish and also because when I got a ‘treat’ meal in Chicago and New York my thoughts always went to a Jewish deli. I had a medical scare in the early oughts that necessitated going way up on the A train weekly to Harlem, and after



every hospital visit I would treat myself to a Reuben at the deli by the hospital. No skimping on the Russian dressing, because there’s not quite enough delicious in just a grilled pile of melted swiss, corned beef and sauerkraut on rye.

Visiting Uncle Lenny and Aunt Karen in Chicago always involved chopped liver, kishka, kugel, knishes, and a dish of pickles so you can feel like you’ve had a vegetable. GOD I love Jewish food. I can’t eat it very often because I don’t burn 4,000 calories a day toiling on the shtetl, but once in a while it’s the most comforting, delicious food ever.

Tzimmes as I think of it is basically just pot roast. Traditionally made on Passover but anytime really, it’s sometimes meatless, in which case it’s a simple braise of root vegetables and dried fruits like prunes and apricots with brown sugar and liquid. I have only had it with meat, so when I think Tzimmes I think of the dish at right. It’s just a slow-cooked cheaper cut of beef with root vegetables and dried fruit if you like.

Grandma Tina’s recipe just has sweet potatoes, potatoes, onions and carrots, but I like apricots so I’ll add apricots when I make it myself. When serving, *don’t forget to cut the meat against the grain*. Against the grain = tender, tender meat. *With the grain* = chewy long strands. Note also, it only gets better with time so make enough for leftovers. It’s *really good*. So good.

Tzimmes with Brisket

This dish can be made 3-4 days ahead and refrigerated. Serves 4

- Ingredients**
- 2 tbsp. oil
 - 1½ or so lb. beef brisket, trimmed
 - ½ lb. carrots, sliced thickly
 - 2 white potatoes, cut into mouthful sized chunks
 - 2 sweet potatoes, same
 - 1 onion, thinly sliced
 - ¼ lb. or about ⅔ cup pitted prunes, or dried apricots (optional)
 - 1½ cups water, or chicken or beef stock
 - ¼ cup brown sugar
 - 1 tbsp. honey
 - 1 tsp. salt or to taste

Heat oil in a Dutch oven or large heavy casserole. Add beef and brown well on all sides. Pour off fat. Arrange alternate layers of carrots, white and sweet potatoes, onions and prunes over beef. In a mixing bowl, combine liquid, brown sugar, honey and salt; pour into casserole. Bring liquid to a boil; cover and simmer 1 hour. Bake in 350 degree oven, 1½ to 2 hours, until meat is very tender, removing cover for the last 15 minutes.

Oscar picks and so much more at The Miniplex

Merrick McKinlay
RICHARDS’ GOAT TAVERN/THE MINIPLEX

ARCATA – Well, Oscar season is here. For what it’s worth, it’s the time of year our attention focuses on the movies and the attributes of quality cinema. For me, it’s a chance to feel proud of not only the two Oscar nominees we’ve already brought to Humboldt (*Mustang* and *When Marnie Was There*), but also of the festival titles we screened that topped critics’ year-end lists (*Assassin* and *Tangerine*).

I feel passionately that our community deserves a chance to see quality films and am working to bring them to Arcata just as soon as they become available in our market. With that in mind, I am happy to announce that *The Boy and the World* (Best Animated Feature Film nominee) and *Theeb* (Best Foreign Language Film nominee) will be screening exclusively at The Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata, throughout the month of February.

We’re also starting to add repertory and special event screenings. Our Bowie night will include two of his lesser celebrated cult classics, *The Man Who Fell to Earth* and *The Hunger*. There will also be a special two-night-only screening of *Theory of Obscurity*, a new music documentary on legendary Bay area artists The Residents (Devo and Primus’ spiritual godfathers) presented by one of the film’s producers/cinematographers, Josh Keppel.

April promises to bring even more Oscar picks to The Miniplex, included the *Revenant* antidote *Embrace the Serpent*. Visit richardsgoat.com/miniplex.html or find us on Facebook for show times.

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, Feb. 3**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits the Mad River Alliance.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT Witness *Hercules Unchained* (1959) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Feb. 3** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Hercules (Steve Reeves) returns to Greece with his bride, Iole (Sylvia Koscina) where he must defeat his enemies and unite the people while resisting the magical allure of the beautiful Queen Omphale (Sylvia Lopez). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

TOURING MACHINE Roy Zimmerman returns to Humboldt on his latest epic tour, “This Machine,” on **Thursday, Feb. 4** at 7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. “This Machine” is ninety minutes of Zimmerman’s hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. Zimmerman’s songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime and he has shared stages with Bill Maher, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin as well as being profiled on NPR’s *All Things Considered*. Admission is by suggested donation of \$20, and no one turned away.

FIESTA FUNDRAISER Rita’s Restaurant has donated the meal for the Sacred Heart Parish fundraising event on **Friday, Feb. 5** at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. This promises to be a fun evening with entertainment, fellowship, a live auction conducted by Rex Bohn, a silent auction and a Dutch auction. Margaritas, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase, and there will be a dessert sale table. Tickets are \$12/\$6 for children under 12, and are available after the weekend masses at Sacred Heart and St. Bernard churches, at

Picky, Picky, Picky and at the Sacred Heart Parish Office, 2085 Myrtle Ave., Eureka.

JUST MAKE IT! Join Arcata Arts Institute and the Innovation Design Institute for the annual Just Make It! Night on **Friday, Feb. 5** from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Arcata High School Gym, 1720 M St. Just Make It! is a free event with a variety of activities for kids of all ages, including mask-making, robots, puppets, LED circuits cartooning and more. Dinner will be available for purchase from Alma’s Mexican Food Truck. artsinstitute.net, arcataartsinstitute@gmail.com

IRISH & CELTIC MUSIC Lovers of Irish and Celtic music are invited to enjoy the exhilarating tunes and rousing songs of the duo of Seabury Gould (vocals, guitar, bouzouki & flute) and Evan Morden (fiddle) on **Friday, Feb. 5** at 7 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr. Admission is sliding scale \$5 to \$15. (707) 677-9493

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music World Dance Party on **Friday, Feb. 5** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata’s Creamery District. The event features an easy dance lesson and an evening of world music played by international band Chubritza and guest musicians. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

BIKE WORKSHOPS The Eureka Community Bike Kitchen is pleased to announce a monthly series of bicycle maintenance workshops on the first Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. starting on **Friday, Feb. 5**. The workshops are designed to be simple and address the most common issues that keep you from riding your bicycle. The bike kitchen is located at the Jefferson Community Center at 1000 B St., Eureka. Visit eurekabikekitchen.org for a schedule of classes. (707) 668-1716

STORYTELLING SONGS Humboldt Free Radio presents Ryan Davidson performing

Americana-Irish storytelling songs at Dead Reckoning Tavern, 815 J St., Arcata, on **Friday, Feb. 5** at 7 p.m.. There is no cover charge for this all-ages show.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Arcata High School Career & College Center invites the public to the eighth annual Jackie Foote Memorial Pancake Breakfast, **Saturday, Feb. 6** from 8 to 11 a.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. The breakfast is the largest fundraiser of the year in support of the Career & College Center, which helps students plan for their next steps after high school. Tickets are \$8/\$6 for seniors and students at the door. (707) 498-2917

DISCOVER THE DECADES The Cutten-Ridgewood Student Foundation presents “Discover the Decades: The Great Gatsby Gala,” a night of food, music, live and silent auctions and fun. Dress as your favorite gangster or flapper on **Saturday, Feb. 6** from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Celebration Boulevard, 107 Fifth St., Eureka to help raise funds for the foundation. Tickets are \$40/\$75 for two and are available online at cuttenridgewood.org.

OPOSSUM PLAYING Humboldt Free Radio presents the cinematic western sounds of Opossum Sun Trail and Americana-Irish storytelling songs by Ryan Davidson at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St., Arcata, **Saturday, Feb. 6** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

WICCA, PAGANISM, AND WITCHCRAFT The beliefs and practices of Wiccans and pagans will be examined at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Feb. 7** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “The Witch Next Door: What’s the Appeal of Wicca and Paganism?” features filmed interviews with self-identified pagans and a Wiccan who began exploring the religion as a teenager and still practices it today. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com, lifetreecafe.com

| CALENDAR | VENUE | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3 | THURSDAY, FEB. 4 | FRIDAY, FEB. 5 | SATURDAY, FEB. 6 | SUNDAY, FEB. 7 | MONDAY, FEB. 8 | TUESDAY, FEB. 9 |
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| | Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata | 6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night | 6:30 p.m. Ocean Night | 8 p.m. • <i>The Man Who Fell to Earth</i> (1976) | | 2:25 p.m. Superbowl 50 | | |
| | Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake | | 9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | 9 p.m. The UnderCovers | 9 p.m. Safety Orange | 9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | | |
| | Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad | all day Free pool | 9 p.m. All In DJ Night | 9 p.m. Triple Junction | 9 p.m. Headshine | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv | 8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv |
| | Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata | | | 9:30 p.m. Cash'd Out | 9:30 p.m. Ryan Montbleu Band | 3 p.m. Free Superbowl Party | | |
| | The Jam 915 H St., Arcata | 6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp | 9 p.m. Black Star Safari | 9 p.m. • Dusty Green Bones Band | 8 p.m. How to Love this Life | noon • Superbowl 9 p.m. • Sundaze | 9 p.m. More VibeZ Monday | 9 p.m. Comedy Night |
| | Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata | | 7 p.m. Bryan Sackett | 7 p.m. Claire Bent | 7 p.m. • Baron Wolfe & Duane Isaacson | | | 7 p.m. Buddy Reed |
| | Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake | | | 9 p.m. Object Heavy | 9 p.m. Karaoke | 6 p.m. Potluck dinner | all day Free pool | all day Ping pong |
| | Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake | 6 p.m. SpinDrifters | 6 p.m. Blake Ritter | 6 p.m. No Covers | 6 p.m. • Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band | | | 6 p.m. ATF Trio |
| | Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata | | 8 p.m. Piet Dalmolen | 8 p.m. Absynth Quartet | 8 p.m. Yokels | | | |
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POWER OF EXPRESSION Poet Courtnie “Gork” Burns espouses authenticity, vulnerability and openness. PHOTO BY LIBBY PHYSCH

Sarah E. Isbell
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – Courtnie “Gork” Burns is an exceptionally gifted slam poet. Handpicked to open for National Poetry Slam event champion Andrea Gibson’s performance at Humboldt State this past spring, Burns left an audience of several hundred people spellbound and craving more.

But the future has not always been so bright for Burns, who spent their teenage years being shuffled around in the foster care system, and eventually between group homes and psych wards.

“I feel like growing up with a rough childhood, especially foster care, I was taught to repress my emotions and I was taught that I was my own worst enemy, and those are very harmful ways of thinking and being,” said Burns. “In foster care, they stopped letting me write because what I was writing was really dark, and scary for them.”

“But what they didn’t realize was that was healthy for me,” Burns continued. “It was a release, because I was getting those dark thoughts out, they weren’t haunting my mind.” When Burns was prevented from writing, they began having suicidal thoughts. Disclosing those to their foster mother resulted in being arrested and immediately sent to a psych hospital.

“And that’s where the fear of expressing myself came from,” said Burns, “because the one time I did express these dark thoughts that I was having, I felt like I was punished for it.”

“Six months ago,” said Burns, “I was watching a *TED Talk* about poetry and the speaker said, ‘suicide is just another form of expression.’ And for me, that

really hit home.”

Because of this childhood trauma, Burns never wrote or performed a poem until the age of 21. “I wrote my first poem in Costa Rica and while I was writing it, I envisioned myself on a stage performing it, and that was bizarre because I had no experience performing poetry,” Burns said.

Now, at age 24, Burns is one of Humboldt’s finest slam poets, and quickly gaining national recognition. Burns credits performance poetry with helping them in overcoming depression, PTSD and suicidal thoughts, “I feel I need to write. For me, it’s a survival skill at this point, my writing.”

Burns spreads the word by hosting the Human Expression open mic at Northtown Coffee in Arcata every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. “I wanted to create a space that invites people to learn how to write, to use their voice, and be confident in finding and using their unique voice,” they said.

Burns confronts the fear

Flower Poem

To all the inspiring women out there not afraid of being true to themselves and the world.

Little girl, you're as pretty as a flower.
Standing there all sheep and shy,
you better recognize your power.
You're a field of flowers of various kinds
here to inspire beauty and bring peace of mind.
Let those bees stop by and pollinate
taking only what they need then send them on their way
cause you're firmly rooted in what you give
radiating sunshine willing others to live.
I'm just the homeless man you shared your smile with.
I may not make sense, but I can say this:
“You're a flower, little girl, this I know
and you'll bless this world as you grow.”

– Courtnie “Gork” Burns

of fear. “Fear, in and of itself, isn’t enough to stop people from living life,” said Burns, “but it’s the fear of fear that gets in the way. And so my intention with doing Human Expression open mic and just getting up on stage myself, I’m trying to show people that you don’t have to be afraid of fear. It’s still going to be there, but we can recognize it, give it its space, but tell it, ‘OK you’re going to sit down now, because it’s my source of power’s turn to express itself.”

That power, said Burns, is what makes great poetry. “For me, it’s when I can tell that person is in their power. When they have found their voice and they have found their source of power, and are writing from that space. Authenticity, vulnerability and openness. And the creative factor and writing styles. But to me that’s not as important.”

When asked what advice they would give to aspiring writers, Burns replied, “I think my favorite piece of advice is once you’ve started writing, don’t stop writing. Use filler words, even circle the words that are filler words. It keeps you writing, keeps you going with the flow. And then, you can go back afterwards ... if you stop in the middle of your writing to try to come up with [the perfect word], you could lose your focus, you could easily lose your source of inspiration.”

Burns also emphasized that young poets should “breathe before they sit down to write.”

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NOTE: *The singular “they” is used throughout this article at Burns’ request.*

See Abbasi

REDWOOD JAZZ ALLIANCE
ARCATA – Guitarist Rez Abbasi leads off the Redwood Jazz Alliance spring season on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse with a performance by his Acoustic Quartet, featuring vibraphonist Bill Ware, bassist Stephan Crump and drummer Eric McPherson.

Famous for his fusions of post-bop and South Asian traditions, Abbasi is widely known as an emblematic figure in the globalization of jazz. In his latest work, Abbasi explores a different kind of fusion, reimagining 1970s classics by groups such as Weather Report, Return to Forever and Mahavishnu Orchestra as acoustic tunes, dialing down their volume and bringing out their beauty.

Born in Karachi, Pakistan, Abbasi grew up in



UNPLUGGED Abbasi at the Playhouse this Friday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Los Angeles, where he took up the guitar at age 11. He pursued jazz and classical studies at USC and the Manhattan School of Music, while studying privately with everyone from guitarist John Abercrombie to pianist Kenny Werner to tabla master Ustad Alla Rakha.

Advance tickets are \$15/\$10 for students and se-

niors and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, Wildwood Music, People’s Records and The Works.

Abbasi will also present a free educational workshop, open to the public, Monday, Feb. 8 at noon in Humboldt State’s Studio Theater (Theatre Arts Building Room 115).
RedwoodJazzAlliance.org



NORTHCOAST BRASS ENSEMBLE Dan Aldag (trombone), Tom Hyde (trumpet), Chris Cox (trumpet), Ronite Gluck (horn) and Fred Tempas (tuba) will also perform. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Franklin Stover
PRESS RELEASE

ARCATA – The Chamber Players of the Redwoods present a concert on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 East 16th St. The diverse program will include piano, violin and brass renditions of music by Beethoven, Arutiunian, Fiala and Ellington.

Founded in 2010 by Val Phillips, Humboldt State music professor emeritus, the nonprofit provides the community with the only arts group of its kind that presents a regular series of classical chamber music concerts year after year. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

At the concert, organizers will present their annual Floyd A. Glende award to pianist Felicia Oldfather,

a long-time participant and supporter of chamber music on the North Coast. Formerly a staff accompanist for the HSU music department for many years, Oldfather hosts *Classical Corner* on KHSU 90.5 FM on Monday mornings.

The centerpiece of the program is Beethoven’s iconic *Sonata #8, opus 30, No. 3, for violin and piano*. Also featured will be a program of brass music featuring the Northcoast Brass Ensemble, performing works by Alexander Arutiunian and an early piece by Duke Ellington composed in 1920. A “Meet the Players” reception follows the concert.

POETS & WRITERS College of the Redwoods’ literary magazine is accepting submissions of original poetry and fiction from community members, as well as staff, faculty and students until noon Wednesday, March 23. Submissions may consist of up to four pieces of work, must be typed and submitted electronically to david-holper@redwoods.edu. Short stories or essays are limited to four pages double-spaced, and you may submit up to two short stories or essays. Those whose work is accepted may win prizes donated by Northtown Books and Booklegger Books; can be considered for the Hobson Award (a \$100 award for the best entry in any genre that builds bridges between species, religions, cultures, ages or genders) and will be invited to read at College of the Redwood’s Poets & Writers Celebration on the Eureka campus on Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in Humanities 110. (707) 476-4370, redwoods.edu/departments/english/poets&writers/index.htm

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Did you say kittehs?

Melissa

The warmer weather will soon herald the start of kitten season, but it is not quite spring yet, and while winter goes on, those looking for a new feline companion should consider all the benefits of adopting an adult cat. Adult cats tend to be calmer than kittens and need less supervision. Where a kitten offers a new surprise each day, not all of them good, an adult cat will have a more stable personality.



MARIAH SOUTHWORTH
COMPANION ANIMALS

If this sounds good to you, then consider the lovely Hazel and Melissa. These two adult cats came from Humboldt County Animal control, and are currently with our pet partner, Petco, located at Eureka's Bayshore Mall. Hazel is a long-haired, all-black female with a playful personality. She and her friend Melissa, a lovely pastel tortishell, are as sweet as can be and love attention.

Hazel and Melissa have received their rabies vaccine, have been dewormed, spayed and microchipped. So if you're looking for a dignified, fellow adult to share your life with, look no further than Hazel and Melissa.

Speaking of microchipping, Companion Animal Foundation is happy to announce that we will now be offering microchipping services to the public! Our new mini microchips are much more comfortable for your pet to receive than the old, and come with a lifetime registration with Home Again. Animal Control and most veterinarians scan for a microchip when a lost pet is brought to them, and its makes it just that more likely that your loved one will be returned safely to you.

For more information on Hazel, Melissa, and our new microchipping schedule, call (707) 826-7387, visit our thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org or check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook.

Load up on carbs Friday and then burn 'em off Saturday

The Trinidad Civic Club welcomes Deputy Sheriff Pam Wilcox as guest speaker at their Thursday, Feb. 4 meeting in the Club Room, Town Hall. Members and guests are welcome.

Wilcox will speak on the topic "Keeping Safe in Trinidad." Penne O'Gara will introduce Deputy Wilcox at 11 a.m. The business meeting, with Donna Haddock and Liz Thatcher presiding, begins at 10 a.m. Lena Macy and Joan Baker host.

Carbo load on Friday

The night before the Trinidad to Clam Beach Run, Friday, Feb. 5, Trinidad School sixth and eighth graders hold their annual Spaghetti Feed in the school gym from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Students will serve pasta with marinara sauce, with meat or vegetarian-style, accompanied by green salad, French bread and milk, tea or coffee, all to raise money for their end-of-year

class trips. You can dine on a mini, medium or mega plate for \$3, \$7 or \$9 respectively. Desserts cost extra and donations are gratefully accepted. There is a Dutch auction as well. Rebecca Leuck is the organizer for this annual feast.

Run the carbs off on Saturday

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Honoring Ford Hess on Saturday, Feb. 6.

The three-mile and eight-and-three-quarter mile races commence on Patrick's Point Drive near Westgate and Larupin' Cafe at 12:30 p.m. The five-and-three-quarter mile run begins near the Chevron station at 1:30 p.m. Since Stagecoach is closed while the Mill Creek flooding damage is repaired, the first two races involve turning left at Anderson Lane off Stagecoach Road and then down Patrick's Point Drive, Scenic Drive, Moon-



CO-CREATION WORKSHOP The Northern California Association of Nonprofits (NorCAN) presents "Co-Creation: Working More Effectively to Solve Problems in Your Organizations & Community" with Laree Kiely. This one day workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd., Bay-side. Co-creation combines the skills and tools of collaboration with innovation and open-mindedness to leverage all of the talent in a group of people. Learn the difference between collaboration and co-creation, practice techniques and tools for maximizing the efforts of all individuals, and more! Workshop fee is \$50/\$40 for NorCAN members and registration is required. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

FALL FREE PLANNING The Area 1 Agency on Aging's Information and Assistance's Home Visiting service offers a free home safety check to people 60 years of age or older who qualify. These checks are designed to help you identify and address potential safety hazards in your home and help you develop your own "Fall Free" plan directing you what to do next to address identified hazards. The specialist can also assess your need for assistive devices to make food preparation and storage easier and safer and refer you to other needed community services or benefits. This service is limited and targeted to help people 60 or older, who are low-income, disabled or living alone. To schedule an appointment, call (707) 464-7876 in Del Norte or (707) 442-3763 in Humboldt County.

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP The Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) seeks applications from Humboldt County residents for its Edilith Eckart Memorial Peace Scholarship. The scholarship supports projects that promote peace and social justice, locally or globally. Grants range from \$150 to \$500. Winners will be announced in March. Applications are

due by Monday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. Application forms and more information are available at wilpfhumboldt.wordpress.com. Contact WILPF at P.O. Box 867, Arcata, CA, 95518, wilpf@humboldt1.com or at (707) 822-5711.

GRIEF SUPPORT Hospice of Humboldt offers free, drop-in grief support groups every week at various locations throughout Humboldt County: Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Jacoby's Storehouse fourth floor conference room, 791 Eighth St., Arcata; Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays (Slipper Club casual drop-in session) from 9 to 10:30 a.m., all at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Ct. in Eureka; Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (Formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way in Fortuna and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Timber Ridge, 1400 Nursery Way in McKinleyville. For more information about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt's Grief Support Services, call (707) 267-9801 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org

EMAGS AT THE LIBRARY The Humboldt County Library now provides access to "The World's Largest Newsstand" with the launch of Zinio, a new database providing digital access to some of today's most popular magazines. Through the library website, patrons have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices. Zinio recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video. The collection includes magazines focused on news, art, home, lifestyle, science, technology, sports, travel, entertainment, food and so much more. Library cardholders can read complete digital editions, check out an unlimited number of magazines, instantly stream magazines or download them for offline reading and may keep the magazines indefinitely. Log in to humblib.org and click on eBooks to create a Zinio account.

Love bugs got a new yard; would still prefer actual homes

If you stop by the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, you will see that one of our play yards has had a facelift! A wonderful collaborative effort between Redwood Pals Rescue, Miller Farms and the shelter volunteers has resulted in two big loads of wood chips spread out in the formerly very muddy yard.

Thank you all for allowing our pups to have a clean place to run and play. This is also the area where potential adopters meet the dogs, so it is particularly nice to have a fresh clean look. We admit that some of the dogs did enjoy the mud puddles, but an equal amount are having fun bouncing through the chips! And everyone stays a lot cleaner.

One of the dogs that you might meet out in the play yard is the lovely young Jack. Jack is a nice young mutt of uncertain heritage. He is white with a few brown spots and a soft, smooth coat. He could be Lab, Dalmation, hound or something completely different.

Jack is a little under fifty pounds and very much a love bug. He loves

the volunteers and is happy anytime anyone pays attention to him. He also gets along great with other dogs and passed his cat test with flying colors. Basically, Jack loves everyone and would very much like to have a home where he is not alone as much as he is in the shelter.

Jack is approximately 1 year old and is considered to be an easy walker by the volunteers. He knows a few commands and is very eager to please. This is a dog that could be motivated by praise at least as easily as by treats.

Jack is neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. He is ready today for his forever home! You can meet Jack (in the lovely play yard!) at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132. Another fun young dog is Malt, who is available through Redwood Pals Rescue. Malt is just under a year and is a big tall Labrador mix. He came to the shelter with his brother Stout. Malt is a typically goofy Lab. He



likes to play with other dogs and has been OK around cats as well. Malt likes to play fetch and would make a great running partner for someone. He wasn't very well leash trained on arrival but is learning fast how to show his manners. He has been in a foster home and is ready to find his own forever home now.

Malt is gentle around children, though his large size might be intimidating to very small ones. This is a lovely dog and we would be happy to arrange a meeting with any potential adopters.

Malt has already been neutered and is current on his vaccinations. Though our dogs are not automatically microchipped, we can provide that at adoption. Contact Redwood Pals Rescue at (707) 839-9692 or email redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com.

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❖ EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Angels is seeking Caregivers, CNAs & HHAs to assist seniors in Fortuna, McKinleyville, and Eureka. Part-time and Full-time, flexible hours. Please call 707-362-8045.

Office Assistant PT, Northcoast Preparatory & Performing Arts Academy. Detail oriented, know accounts payable, Excel spreadsheets, filing, Letter and resume to NPA, PO Box 276, Arcata 95518 or npacadaemy@sbcglobal.net 2/3

HUMBOLDT FLEA MARKET

Sunday, Feb. 7th
8am-3pm

**Redwood Acres
Fairground**

Admission fee: \$1 After 9am
Kids 12 & Under FREE
Early Birds \$2
For Reservations Call Dayton
(707) 822.5292



**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**
\$82,195 - \$99,900/yr.

Activities include administering City General Plan, Land Use Code, Economic Development Strategic Plan, Housing Plan and City Local Coastal Plan. Visit our jobs page at www.cityofarcata.org. First Review Date: Friday, February 26, 2016. 2/17



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Performs a variety of technical building maintenance, repair and installation work involving carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and masonry trades. Applications: City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, (707) 822-5953; or at www.cityofarcata.org. EOE. Closing Date: February 12, 2016. 2/10

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00736
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JUJUBEEES
1225 CENTRAL AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
MEGAN BIERWIRTH
7168 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95503
KYLE COLLINS
7168 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/MEGAN BIERWIRTH, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 30, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
11/3, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00002
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

KING KOMPOST
7780 TORGERSOHN RD.
EUREKA, CA 95503
MICHAEL T. MENZA
7780 TORGERSOHN RD.
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/MICHAEL MENZA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 04, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
11/3, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00008
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

(1) HORTUS & PROPECTUS
TM PRESERVATION GROUP
(2) THE HOUSE ON THE
RIDGE TM
(3) THE BUNGALOW ON
SHAW TM

8750 WILDER RIDGE RD.
GARBERVILLE, CA 95542
P.O. BOX 595
FERNDALE, CA 95536
H&P PG LLC
201114710312
367 SHAW AVENUE
FERNDALE, CA 95536

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
S/PETER PROFANT TTEE, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 06, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
11/3, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00013
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

(1) HARVEST BAKED
GOODS
(2) HARVEST BOTANICALS
(3) HUMBLE HARVEST
(4) HUMBOLDT BAKED
GOODS

(5) HARVEST MEDICALS
2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
HUMBOLDT HARVEST,
INC. 3786049
600 F ST. SUITE 3-900
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/ESTHER BENEMANN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 07, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
11/3, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00044
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DIVINE EARTH MEDICALS
245 BRIDGE CREEK RD.,
UPPER HOUSE
MYERS FLAT, CA 95554
ANNA K. BRESSERS
245 BRIDGE CREEK RD.,
UPPER HOUSE

MYERS FLAT, CA 95554
P.O. BOX 225
MYERS FLAT, CA 95554
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/ANNA BRESSERS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 15, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
T. LEGG DEPUTY
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00030
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MUDDY BOOTS
LANDSCAPING
562 BAKER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
DESIREE A. MEINARDI

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 15, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
T. LEGG DEPUTY
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

16-00047

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HONEYDEW SELECT
2373 FICKLE HILL RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
600 F STREET SUITE 3
BOX 303
ARCATA, CA 95521
BIGGEST LITTLE
ORGANICS
2373 FICKLE HILL RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/CHRISTINA B. MILES, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 19, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00046
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MY KIN DESIGNS
5720 WEST END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
210 WARREN CREEK RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
MARISA S. KIESELHORST
5720 WEST END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/MARISA KIESELHORST, OWNER/ARTIST

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 19, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00734
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

VINCENT ELECTRIC
2080 PILLOR DR.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
VINCENT HUMBOLDT
ENERGY CORP. C3818859
2080 PILLOR DR.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/NATHANIEL VINCENT, OWNER/PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 30, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00053
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

STRICTLY NORCAL
1300 HAVEN LN. #4
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
JENNIFER R. BOWLER
1300 HAVEN LN. #4
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
BERT W. BOWLER
1300 HAVEN LN. #4
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/JENNIFER BOWLER, STRICTLY NORCAL
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 22, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00040
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JUNE7TH
4519 EXCELSIOR ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503
LARISA N. REPLOGLE
4519 EXCELSIOR ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503
COLLIN REPLOGLE
4519 EXCELSIOR ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/LISA N. REPLOGLE, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 14, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00030
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MUDDY BOOTS
LANDSCAPING
562 BAKER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
DESIREE A. MEINARDI

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 14, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00030
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MUDDY BOOTS
LANDSCAPING
562 BAKER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
DESIREE A. MEINARDI

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 14, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

562 BAKER RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/DESIREE MEINARDI, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 12, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00075
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SERVPRO OF EUREKA
5670 WEST END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 6246
EUREKA, CA 95502
COUNTRYSIDE CLEANING
AND RESTORATION LLC
5670 WEST END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
S/ROBERT M. CURRAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 28, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ANDREW
LANCE ALEXANDER
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV160041
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner ANDREW LANCE ALEXANDER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: ANDREW LANCE ALEXANDER to Proposed name LANCE ANDREW DRILL.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 7, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 21, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KALIB AND
BRITTANY MANZI
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV160040
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner KALIB AND BRITTANY MANZI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: JAXON LUCAS MANZI to Proposed name JAXON CRAIG LUCAS MANZI.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 11, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 15, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KALIB AND
BRITTANY MANZI
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV160040
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner KALIB AND BRITTANY MANZI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: JAXON LUCAS MANZI to Proposed name JAXON CRAIG LUCAS MANZI.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 11, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 15, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KALIB AND
BRITTANY MANZI
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV160040
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner KALIB AND BRITTANY MANZI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: JAXON LUCAS MANZI to Proposed name JAXON CRAIG LUCAS MANZI.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 11, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 15, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: March 7, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JAN. 14, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

DEBORAH SUE KEAGY
(DEER)
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV160058
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner DEBORAH SUE KEAGY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: DEBORAH SUE KEAGY to Proposed name DEBORAH SUE DEER.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: February 11, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: JASON J. EADS (SBN 219682) STOKES, HAMER, KAUFMAN & KIRK, LLP
381 BAYSIDE ROAD, SUITE A
ARCATA, CALIFORNIA 95521
707-822-1771
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KERMIT LINWOOD MCCOWN

CASE NO.: PR160024
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

KERMIT LINWOOD MCCOWN
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DONALD E. MCCOWN in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: February 11, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Saturday closure for biking, hiking

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS
ORICK – From February through May, on the first Saturday of the month, Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) will close the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park to all motorized vehicles. February’s first Saturday falls on Feb. 6. Access to the Elk Prairie Campground and Visitor Center will remain open.

Closing the 10-mile through route to motorized vehicles provides an opportunity for park visitors to experience the parkway without the noise and sounds of cars and trucks. Come explore by foot, bicycle, skateboard, Rollerblade or any other non-motorized vehicle. Dogs on-leash are also welcome on the parkway, although are prohibited on the trails for the safety of pets and wildlife.

Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway is located off of and parallels U.S. Highway 101 six miles north of Orick and

four miles south of Klamath. Parking is available in the southern entrance in designated spaces parallel to the roadway and adjacent to Elk Prairie on the road to the campground.

The parkway has something for everyone – from families with young children looking for a safe and easy ride, to those looking for a more physically-challenging route. Much of the southern end of the parkway is relatively flat, while the hills of the northern portion require more expertise.

Mark your calendar the first Saturday of February, March, April and May for recreation in the redwoods.

For more information about the first Saturday parkway closures or other ways to enjoy your parks, call the Redwood National and State Parks Information Office at (707) 465-7335, or stop by a Redwood National and State Parks visitor center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. nps.gov/red

Permaculture Seed & Plant Exchange

HUMBOLDT PERMACULTURE GUILD
BAYSIDE – The Humboldt Permaculture Guild invites the community to the third annual Fruit Tree and Scion Exchange at the Bayside Grange, Saturday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Just as the guild’s annual Seed and Plant Exchange provides community members with the opportunity to obtain seeds and plants and to share their own seeds and plants, the Fruit Tree and Scion Exchange is a free public venue for the exchange of perennial fruit tree propagation material.

Because this material is collected in winter while trees are dormant, the guild has introduced this winter event to compliment the long-running springtime Seed and Plant Exchange.

Both experienced fruit growers as well as the general public are invited to share quality graft wood (scion) and talk about growing fruit in Humboldt County. With the diversity of microclimates in our area, the Scion Exchange is meant to pool the extensive

knowledge of professional and backyard fruit growers in the community and educate the public on which varieties do best in which areas. Sharing of all perennial fruit producing plants (e.g., vines, roots, cuttings) is encouraged but not required.

Successful fruit tree growers are invited to share scion wood from their best producers or exotic cultivars. Growers with trees that are unproductive or disease prone are invited to collect scion wood from successful trees at the event that can be later grafted to these existing but less successful ones. And those who are still in the planning/planting phase are invited to choose a cultivar, learn how to graft it onto a new rootstock and take home a new tree.

The event will feature grafting presentations by local experts and some varieties of rootstock will be available for a nominal price. Since the fresh fruit is mostly gone, participants are invited to bring fruit of any preparation (sauce, butter, juice, dried, etc.) to share the flavors of their cultivars. Photos are useful as well. (707) 672-3102

AMIC MYSTERIES REVEALED Have you ever wondered what the true stories are behind the permanent exhibits at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (AMIC)? Your chance to find out is coming up on **Friday, Feb. 5** at 1 p.m. Retired HSU biology professor John DeMartini will kick off a series of free one-hour presentations sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh, to be held the first Friday of each month. DeMartini is a master storyteller who will help all ages understand the science underlying the Marsh displays. (707) 826-2359

AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Feb. 6**. Bring binoculars and have a great morning birding. Meet leader Tony Kurz in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNES RESTORATION Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property on **Saturday, Feb. 6** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will remove invasive plants to make room for more native diversity. Tools, gloves

and snacks will be provided, please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, jess@friendsofthedunes.org

TOUR THE LANPHERE DUNES Join Friends of the Dunes naturalist Barbara Reisman for a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, Feb. 6** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata, to carpool to the protected site. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Feb. 6** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

KAYAK IN THE POOL Explore North Coast, Humboldt County’s local sea kayaking club, offers kayak instruction at the

Arcata Community Pool on **Saturday, March 5** from 10 a.m. until noon. Experienced club members will provide the instruction, and what is taught will be entirely up to the student.

New or less experienced paddlers might want to learn how to safely exit their boat following a capsized and then how to re-enter the boat quickly. Club members will also provide roll instruction to those who have no roll experience, and can help those with some roll experience improve their technique.

New and/or less experienced paddlers are encouraged to attend, because there’s no safer or more comfortable setting than a warm pool to learn and practice these skills.

The number of participants will be limited and spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend, contact Greg Bundros (gbundros@suddenlink.net) to reserve a spot. RSVP as soon as possible. The cost is \$30 per person for club members; pre-payment is required.

The event is also open to non-club members, but there is an additional \$5 fee to cover insurance. explorenorthcoast.net

Audubon Nature Writing Contest accepting entries

REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
HUMBOLDT – Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors its 11th annual student nature writing contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on “What Nature Means to Me” by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades four through 12. Winners will be published on the RRAS website, rras.org, with awards presented at the 21st Annual Godwit Days Festival in Arcata in mid-April.

Entries should be no more than 450 words in length; one entry per person. Topics suitable for exploration include, but are not limited to, bird feeding, duck hunting, animal rescue and observations of the natural world. Entries must include the student’s name, home address, phone number and email, plus teacher name, grade, school, phone and email. Deadline for receipt is Friday, March 18.

Send submissions as text within the body of an email to tomleskiw@gmail.com or mail a printout to Tom Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville, CA, 95519.

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